

Shuduck River Bay of Passamaquiday  
October 7<sup>th</sup> 1782

Sir

I had the Honour of waiting your Excellency some time Ago from the River St Croix. Soon after I proceeded to this River, in Order to Hold a Conference with the Passamaquiday Tribe, as to be Adjacent to the other Tribes to settle some business Agreed upon with them - A few days After my Arrival I was seized with a most severe Illness that rendered me Incapable to move from the place I was taken ill at, which is now Near Five Weeks, and am at present unable to go abroad - In this time I have had numbers of Indians from different parts

The Augmentation of the Garrison of Baguaduce / which I heard / with some other Circumstances has given me the Greatest uneasiness for the publick Property at machias, and some misunderstanding which has Subsisted for some time between the principle people of machias and myself renders my Situation truly unhappy and disagreeable and very dangerous to the Publick Interest, I have Published the Officers of Militia to Aid Assist the Command Officer of the Fort - The Latter writes me that he Cannot procure the Least Subsistence for the few men he has, and is Oblidged to Lett them on furlow, only to be ready on an Alarm - Your Excellency will best know what to do under those Circumstances. -

I am afraid your Excellency may think me Teregious in Troubling you so Often about Illicit Traders, but permit me to assure you Sir that had you but a small Glimpse of the proceedings it would give great Trouble. Two Vessels lately at machias with Cargoes of Value & use - Small Craft there Employ'd and Carry'd in an Open manner to the Enemy. My Present abode gives me a better Opp<sup>n</sup> of knowing their Intrigues, and this day more Trade and business is Carry'd on with the Enemy than to Great

The moment my Health will any way permit my Going abroad, shall proceed for machias, & do the best I Can there, till further Orders from your Excellency. I have the Honour to Be with Profound Respect -

Your Excellency  
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